NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Affairs Division

National Source Tracking System Reporting Dates (LAC 33:XV.493) (RP047ft)

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Radiation Protection regulations, LAC 33:XV.493 (Log #RP047ft).

This proposed rule is identical to federal regulations found in 10 CFR 20.2207, which are applicable in Louisiana. For more information regarding the federal requirement, contact the Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3550 or Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302. No fiscal or economic impact will result from the proposed rule. This rule will be promulgated in accordance with the procedures in R.S. 49:953(F)(3) and (4).

This rule will update the state radiation regulations to coincide with a change in the federal regulations. As part of the National Source Tracking System (NSTS), reporting requirements for nationally tracked sources are listed in 10 CFR 20.2207. This rule changes the compliance dates for reporting transactions involving Category 1 and Category 2 sources from November 15, 2007 and November 30, 2007, respectively, both to January 31, 2009. The National Source Tracking System rule requires licensees to report information on the manufacture, transfer, receipt, disassembly, and disposal of nationally tracked sources. This information will be entered into a computerized data base. The compliance dates for licensees to report initial source inventories was November 15, 2007, for Category 1 sources and November 30, 2007, for Category 2 sources. These were also the dates to start reporting source transactions for entry into the system. The NRC anticipated that system development and testing would be complete and the National Source Tracking System would be operational by November 2007. However, system development has taken longer than anticipated, and the system will not be ready to accept data by November 2007. Therefore, the NRC is revising the compliance dates for which reporting is to start. The requirements for both Category 1 and 2 nationally tracked sources will now be implemented by January 31, 2009. This means that by this date any licensee that possesses a Category 1 or 2 level source must have reported its initial inventory and must begin reporting all transactions involving Category 1 and 2 sources to the National Source Tracking System. Requirements regarding compatibility are published under the Agreement State program. This change to the state regulations is needed to comply with the program. The basis and rationale for this rule are to mirror the federal regulations and maintain an adequate Agreement State program. This proposed rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:953(G)(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

This proposed rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

A public hearing will be held on January 24, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed amendments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Judith A. Schuerman, Ph.D., at the address given below or at (225) 219-3550. Parking in the Galvez Garage is free with a validated parking ticket.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by RP047ft. Such comments must be received no later than January 24, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Judith A. Schuerman, Ph.D., Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302 or to FAX (225) 219-3582 or by e-mail to judith.schuerman@la.gov. The comment period for this rule ends on the same date as the public hearing. Copies of this proposed regulation can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of RP047ft. This regulation is available on the Internet at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx.

This proposed regulation is available for inspection at the following DEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 645 N. Lotus Drive, Suite C, Mandeville, LA 70471.

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Title 33 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Part XV. Radiation Protection

Chapter 4. Standards for Protection against Radiation

Subchapter J. Reports

§493. Reports of Transactions Involving Nationally Tracked Sources

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I. Each licensee who possesses Category 1 nationally tracked sources shall report the initial inventory of the licensee's Category 1 nationally tracked sources to the national source tracking system by <u>January 31, 2009</u>November 15, 2007. Each licensee who possesses Category 2 nationally tracked sources shall report the initial inventory of the licensee's Category 2 nationally tracked sources to the national source tracking system by <u>January 31, 2009</u>November 30, 2007. The information may be submitted by using any of the methods specified in Paragraphs G.1-4 of this Section. The initial inventory report must include the following information:

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 33:2361 (November 2007), amended LR 34:**.